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ABATE Expects More than 11,000 Bikers at Freedom Rally

ALGONA, Iowa – June 19, 2006 – The July 4th weekend marks ABATE of Iowa's 22nd annual Freedom Rally, which is expected to draw more than 11,000 motorcycle enthusiasts. Just as the Rally will draw thousands of motorcycles, the holiday weekend will draw millions of motorists to the road.

The American Automobile Association cites the July 4th weekend as one of the highest roadway travel weekends of the year. The added congestion of vehicles and motorcycles means all drivers and riders need to pay attention to the road.

"July 4th is about celebrating freedom, and that includes the freedom to ride," says Steve Rector, ABATE of Iowa State Coordinator. "With that freedom comes responsibility and the need for motorcyclists and motorists to share the road."

The Freedom Rally has evolved into one of the Midwest's premier motorcycle rallies, noted for its lineup of regional and national bands, wide variety of vendors and excellent facilities.

The rally, held at the ABATE of Iowa Freedom Park in Algona, runs from June 30 – July 2, 2006, and includes a variety of events and activities. The entertainment line-up includes 16 bands, a motorcycle rodeo, mechanical bull-riding and sled pulls. ABATE will hold a "best of" bike show for different categories including custom, foreign, classic, radical and people's choice, among others. ABATE is also holding a raffle to win a 2006 Harley Davidson Road King Custom to be drawn at the Rally.

In addition to the events, more than 35 vendors will be on hand to provide food, beverages, merchandise and accessories. Rally admission for ABATE members ranges from \$40-\$60 and nonmembers runs from \$60-\$95. Ticket proceeds help fund ABATE's Share the Road, Rider Education and Two-Wheel Trauma programs. Free showers, an in-park shuttle and paid vehicle parking and firewood are available. For more information, please visit www.abateiowa.org.

ABATE (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education) of Iowa is a not-for-profit motorcycle rights organization for motorcycle enthusiasts throughout the state of Iowa. Its thousands of Iowa members comprise 23 districts around the state. ABATE promotes safe riding habits, encourages favorable legislation for motorcyclists and keeps its members, motorcyclists and the public informed of important motorcycle and safety issues.

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